

Doing your part

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This fact sheet gives contact points for water conservation information from the Ontario government and other North American sources.
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Water Resource Information

There are many resources available for information about water conservation and efficiency; each are especially important during prolonged dry weather. This list provides a range of information sources from Ontario government ministries and other organizations in Canada and the United States.

Government of Ontario

Ministry of the Environment (MOE)

Public Information Centre

135 St. Clair Avenue West

Toronto ON M4V 1P5

Public Information Centre

1-800-565-4923

in Toronto: (416) 325-4000

Internet: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca>

Publications

Publications are available by writing, telephoning or visiting the MOE Internet site.

- Water conservation tips for Ontario Public Service facilities managers
- Water conservation tips for kids
- Water conservation tips in and around the home
- Water conservation tips for industry
- Maintaining your water well in times of water shortage

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

Common Services Counter

1 Stone Road West

Guelph ON N1G 4Y2

1-888-4-OMAFRA (1-888-466-2372) x63700

(enter extension when asked for last five digits of phone number you wish to reach) in Guelph: (519) 826-3700

Internet:

<http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/index.html>

Publications

Most of the following publications can be obtained by calling or writing to OMAFRA. Some are available through other contact numbers or through the Internet and are noted below.

Best Management Practice Books

These can be obtained by calling the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Wendy Beaton (416) 485-3333 x235. She is also available by e-mail at wendy.beaton@ofa.on.ca

- Water Management
- Irrigation Management
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management
- Water Wells
- Field Crops

Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)

The EFP is a provincial initiative delivered by the Ontario Soils and Crop Improvement Association in partnership with OMAFRA. It is an educational program for farmers promoting voluntary assessments of their on-farm environmental risks. Part of this program includes information on ways to conserve

and use water more efficiently on the farm. More information is available for farmers by calling the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association at 1-800 - 265-9751 or visiting their Internet site and selecting "EFP County/District Info."

OMAFRA fact sheets

Note: OMAFRA has various fact sheets and other extension materials covering adverse weather conditions. They are available through field offices and advisory services, as well as on the Internet at:

<http://www.gov.on.ca:80/OMAFRA/english/sitemap.html>

Some of the topics include:

- Irrigation Scheduling for Fruit Crops (order #90-069)
- Irrigation Scheduling for Tomatoes - Water Budget Approach (order# 90-049)
- Water Requirements for Livestock (order# 86-053)

Weekly horticultural crop report summaries

Weekly summaries of rainfall are available starting May 3, 1999 along with crop heat units (a measure used to help farmers select suitable hybrids and varieties for their area) for horticultural reports. Both are available on OMAFRA's Internet site.

<http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/crops/hort/reports/index.html>

Weekly field crop summary reports

Weekly summaries of field crop agriphone reports for four areas of the province starting May 3, 1999 are available on OMAFRA's Internet site.

<http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/crops/field/reports/index.html>

They can also be obtained by phoning 1-888-290-4441 and selecting 4. These reports include summaries of rainfall and crop heat units. The Tobacco Agriphone Report can be obtained by calling 1-800-810-0167.

Booklet

Water Management Guide for Livestock Production, Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat (version 2, 1998)

Agricorp (crop Insurance)

The crop insurance program provides protection for farmers enrolled in the program against yield reductions caused by natural hazards. The Client Call Inquiries Centre can be reached at 1-888-247-4999.

Other Canadian organizations

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)

1 Yonge Street, Suite 1700
Toronto ON M5E 1E5
1-800-667-6292
(416) 314-5600

Internet: <http://www.ocwa.com>

OCWA focuses its efforts on provision of environmentally responsible and cost-effective water and wastewater services to Ontario municipalities. It produces a quarterly publication called Waterline, which sometimes has information on water efficiency. It is available through the agency's Internet site or by calling the numbers provided above.

Canadian Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA)

45 Rideau Street, Ste. 402
Ottawa ON K1N 5W8
(613) 241-5692

Contact CWWA for a publication on increasing water efficiency in communities titled Q&A, a guide showing you how to bring the benefits of water efficiency to your community.

Durham Region Works Department

105 Consumers Drive
Whitby ON L1N 6A3
(905) 668-7721
1-800-372-1103

Durham region produces a publication called Household Guide to Water Efficiency. It is available by calling Glen Pleasance at (905) 668-7721 x5391.

U.S. resources

National Drought Mitigation Center

236 L.W. Chase Hall, P.O. Box 830749
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln NE 68583-6614
(402) 472-6707

Internet:
<http://enso.unl.edu/ndmc/index.html>

Publications

All publications are available on the National Drought Mitigation Center's Internet site. The Internet site also provides a resource list with several useful links.

- The Impacts of Drought
- Drought Impacts Checklist
- Current Drought Planning Initiatives
- The 10-Step Drought Planning Process
- Basics of Drought Planning
- Drought Network News

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Water Use Planning
P.O. Box 8555
Harrisburg PA 17105-8555
(717) 772-4048

E-mail address:
Drought.Info@a1.dep.state.pa.us

Internet:
<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/drought.htm>

This Internet resource provides useful information, including the following fact sheets:

- Use Water Wisely
- Water Saving Tips: Beverage Industries
- Water Saving Tips: Commercial Buildings
- Water Saving Tips: Food Processing Facilities
- Water Saving Tips: Golf Courses/Industrial Landscapes
- Water Saving Tips: Health Care Facilities
- Water Saving Tips: Hotels and Motels
- Water Saving Tips: Laundries/Linen Suppliers
- Water Saving Tips: Restaurants
- Water Saving Tips: Schools and Colleges

American Water Works Association

6666 West Quincy Ave.
Denver CO 80235
(303) 794-7711

Internet: <http://www.awwa.org>

This organization's Internet site provides some useful resources on water conservation and efficiency.

Seattle Public Utilities

Dexter Horton Building
710 Second Avenue, 10th Floor
Seattle WA 98104-1717
(206) 684-3000

Internet:
<http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/util/services/water/>

Seattle Public Utilities Internet site provides a variety of water-saving tips for issues like the purchase of water-saving appliances for the home, selection of drinking water systems, natural lawn care and irrigation.

Chacun sa part

Renseignements sur les ressources en eau

Le présent feuillet de renseignements donne la liste des ressources auxquelles vous pouvez faire appel pour obtenir de l'information sur la conservation de l'eau. Elle renferme des sources de différents ministères du gouvernement de l'Ontario et de divers autres organismes tant au Canada qu'aux États-Unis.

Il existe de nombreuses sources d'information sur la protection et la conservation des ressources en eau, information qui peut s'avérer très utile en période de sécheresse. La liste renferme des sources du gouvernement de l'Ontario ainsi que d'autres organismes du Canada et des États-Unis.

Gouvernement de l'Ontario

Ministère de l'Environnement

Centre d'information

135, avenue St. Clair Ouest
Toronto ON M4V 1P5

Centre d'information
1 800 565-4923
de Toronto : 416 325-4000

Internet : <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca>

Publications

On peut se procurer les publications du ministère de l'Environnement par la poste, par téléphone, par télécopieur ou en visitant le site Web du Ministère.

- Éco-conseils sur la conservation de l'eau destinés aux gestionnaires des installations de la fonction publique de l'Ontario
- Conseils sur la conservation de l'eau à l'intention des jeunes
- Conseils sur la conservation de l'eau à la maison
- La conservation de l'eau : conseils utiles à l'endroit du secteur industriel
- Comment gérer votre puits en temps de pénurie d'eau

Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales

Comptoir des services communs

1, chemin Stone Ouest
Guelph ON N1G 4Y2
1 888 4-OMAFRA (1 888 466-2372) poste 63700
(entrer les cinq derniers chiffres lorsque la messagerie vocale vous le demandera)
de Guelph : 519 826-3700

Internet :

<http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/index.html>

Publications

On peut obtenir la plupart des publications suivantes en appelant ou en écrivant au Ministère. Certains titres peuvent être obtenus en communiquant avec les autres personnes ressources mentionnées ci-dessous ou en consultant les sites Web indiqués.

Meilleures pratiques de gestion

On peut se procurer les ouvrages suivants en communiquant avec Wendy Beaton, Fédération de l'agriculture de l'Ontario, 416 485-3333, poste 235, adresse électronique : wendy.beaton@ofa.on.ca

- La gestion de l'eau
- Gestion de l'irrigation
- Gestion de l'habitat du poisson et de la faune
- Les puits
- Grandes cultures

Planification agricole environnementale (Environmental Farm Plan)

Une initiative provinciale mise en oeuvre par la Ontario Soils and Crop Improvement Association en collaboration avec le ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales. Il s'agit d'un programme par lequel les agriculteurs font, sur une base volontaire, une évaluation des risques environnementaux de leur exploitation agricole. Une partie du programme est axée sur

Ressources américaines

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On peut avoir accès à toutes les publications de cet organisme en consultant le site Web dont l'adresse figure ci-dessus. Le site comprend également une liste de ressources des plus complètes et plusieurs liens utiles.

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Le site Web de l'entreprise de services publics de Seattle renferme de nombreux conseils sur la conservation de l'eau. Il donne notamment des renseignements sur les appareils électroménagers économiseurs d'eau, les dispositifs d'eau potable, l'entretien écologique des pelouses et l'irrigation.

